

driver \$628 in otherwise unnecessary repairs and expenses every year. Thirty-five percent of Connecticut's bridges are structurally deficient, functionally obsolete, or both.

A great nation does not respond to crises with duct tape. A great nation leads with bold action. I urge the leadership of the House to work with us to pass a long-term highway bill and invest in America's infrastructure.

SUPPORT OUR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

(Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as students across Pennsylvania's Sixth Congressional District and the rest of the country enjoy the summer months, many are looking for activities to participate in to occupy their days.

I wanted to highlight the value of public libraries and, specifically, an exceptional program in my district that empowers, inspires, and supports performance arts.

The Tredyffrin Public Library is offering a series of camps that seek to "cultivate performance arts skills and instill confidence in students in rising fifth through rising ninth grades."

The vocal and musical theater camps are led by Conestoga High School graduates and serve as a wonderful resource for area students to improve theatrical and music skills over the summer vacation.

It has long been proven that students that participate in the arts have improved academic performance and a strong sense of community. I applaud the Tredyffrin and Paoli Public Libraries across Pennsylvania's Sixth District in their efforts to promote lifelong learning, entertainment, and enrichment.

Our public libraries are local treasures that add value and promote learning in our communities. I encourage everyone to share this support this summer and year-round by attending our libraries, by supporting those who work there and offering our thanks to those who volunteer there.

SUPPORTING A LONG-TERM SOLUTION FOR THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

(Ms. HAHN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight America's infrastructure crisis.

Almost 30 percent of our Nation's major roadways, and 50 percent in California, are in poor condition, meaning they must be rebuilt, not just patched up.

Drivers are now paying a hidden pot-hole tax, the extra cost to maintain a car because of bad roads. In California, the average driver pays \$760 because of

poor roads. People and goods are slowed down by congestion.

In just 10 legislative days, our highway trust fund expires. Congress must pass a long-term surface transportation bill to ensure that the United States has the best infrastructure.

In May, this Congress kicked the can down the road and passed a short-term bill. It seems we are likely to do that again. This is not a responsible way to govern.

We should invest in our transportation system to be globally competitive and to move these goods efficiently. Drivers want less time stuck in traffic and more time at home with their families. Let's invest in America's future and pass a long-term surface transportation bill.

IRAN—WOLF IN WOLF'S CLOTHING

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while the Ayatollah has preached "Death to America," the United States and the West have made a deal with the deceitful wolf of the desert.

Iran promises to temporarily cut back and not continue its nuclear weapon development capability. Then Iran will receive sanction relief. It will be able to export oil and receive billions of dollars in cash.

In 5 years, the embargo on most conventional weapons against Iran will be lifted. In 8 years, Iran will be able to import ICBMs. In 10 years, the deal expires and Iran can develop nuclear weapons, thus legitimizing the number one state sponsor of terrorism and allowing it to be a nuclear weapons power.

This is dangerous. This will start a nuclear arms race. Israel will be less safe. So will America.

In theory, this deal is supposed to give us "peace in our time," to coin a phrase. But Iran is a wolf in wolf's clothing, and the wolf has made a deal with the sheep not to eat them for 10 years. Then what? Supper?

And that is just the way it is.

ARROWS AND AN OLIVE BRANCH

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, in the Great Seal of the United States, the eagle clutches arrows and an olive branch. While today's Iran agreement puts the olive branch out first, the arrows remain firmly in our grasp.

The safety of all our families in the United States, in Israel, and elsewhere, is advanced by pursuing a verifiable, enforceable, diplomatic solution. Refusing to be frozen by fear or pushed into conflict by those who are just campaigning or who are campaigning for war, the President recognizes diplomacy as our greatest strength.

So many of those who loudly renounced this deal before they have even read it also loudly supported the stunning historic mistake of a go-it-alone invasion of Iraq.

No choice is without risk, but strong inspections and verification are the best path to peace and security for all of our families.

A BAD DEAL FOR THE UNITED STATES AND OUR ALLIES

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, far from backing Iran's path to a nuclear weapon, the inherently flawed deal announced this morning preserves and legitimizes Iran's nuclear program. The fact that Iran is celebrating and that our allies are not should tell you everything that you need to know about this deal.

I have read the deal. I have it right here.

I believe that it will usher in a terrifying new era of proliferation in which neighboring nations feel no choice but to build nuclear programs of their own, while the massive sanctions relief in the deal will provide Iran with hundreds of billions of dollars in new funds to foment terrorism around the globe and prop up its proxies, like Assad in Syria and Hamas, to launch brutal attacks on Israel.

The measure of success and diplomacy is not simply whether agreement is reached; it is whether a good agreement is achieved. Unfortunately, the administration arrived at this deal through a parade of concessions on poor issues and by straying far from the insistence that Iran's nuclear program be dismantled. The world is a more dangerous place today with this, as a result.

Mr. Speaker, Congress can and must step forward, do the right thing, and reject this deal.

WE NEED A LONG-TERM HIGHWAY BILL

(Mrs. BUSTOS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BUSTOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to urge my colleagues to take up and pass a long-overdue bill to fund our roads and bridges for the long term. Yet again, we are approaching the end of a short-term extension with the highway trust fund in danger of expiring at the end of this month. We can't keep kicking the can down the road. We need a long-term bill, and we need it now.

In my congressional district alone, there are 421 bridges that are structurally deficient. Just earlier this month, I stood alongside the Murray Baker Bridge in Peoria that runs over the Illinois River, the heart of my district. Its structure is in need of replacement.